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SUBJECT: SYG REPORT ON UNEF

1. SECRETARIAT APRIL 14 CIRCULATED BRIEF, BALANCED REPORT ON UNEF'S LAST SIX MONTHS. IN "OBSERVATIONS" SECTION, SYG RECOMMENDED SC RENEW MANDATE; HE NOTED DIFFERING EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI VIEWS ON PROPER DURATION OF EXTENSION, BUT TOOK ON POSITION. EARLIER PARAGRAPH ON "FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT" NOTES RESTRICTIONS IN MOVEMENT STILL EXIST DESPITE EFFORTS OF SYG FORCE COMMANDER. COPIES OF REPORT BEING POUCHED ADDRESSES.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS OF FIRST THREE PARAS OF "OBSERVATIONS" AND PARA 16 ON FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT.

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OBSERVATIONS

28. DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REVIEW THE SITUATION IN THE UNEF AREA OF OPERATION HAS REMAINED QUIET. BOTH SIDES
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HAVE CONTINUED GENERALLY TO COMPLY WITH THE EGYPTIAN-

ISRAELI AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES OF 18 JANUARY 1974 AND TO EXTEND THEIR CO-OPERATION OF UNEF IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS TASKS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS.

29. PENDING THE CONCLUSION OF AN OVER-ALL SETTLEMENT, THE SITUATION IN THE AREA AS A WHOLE REMAINS FUNDAMENTALLY UNSTABLE. WHETHER IT IS POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN THE PRESENT QUIET AND PREVENT A NEW OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES WILL DEPEND ON THE PROSPECTS OF ACHIEVING FURTHER PROGRESS IN THE SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING SETTLEMENT OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM, AS CALLED FOR BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF UNEF AT THE PRESENT CRUCIAL TIME IS, IN MY OPINION, ESSENTIAL NOT ONLY TO MAINTAIN QUIET IN THE EGYPT-ISRAEL SECTOR, BUT ALSO TO PROVIDE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO FURTHER EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND TO ASSIST IN SUCH FURTHER EFFORTS, IF REQUIRED.

30. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE SECURITY COUNCIL EXTEND THE MANDATE OF UNEF. THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT HAS INDICATED THAT IT WILL NOT, UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, OBJECT TO THE RENEWAL OF THE MANDATE OF UNEF FOR AN ADDITIONAL PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS ENDING 24 JULY 1975. THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL HAS STATED THAT IT FAVOURS RENEWAL OF THE FORCE'S MANDATE FOR A PERIOD OF NO LESS THAN SIX MONTHS ON THE GROUNDS THAT UNEF IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT OF 18 JANUARY 1974

FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

16. THE PROBLEM OF RESTRICTIONS ON THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL OF CERTAIN CONTINGENTS STILL EXISTS DESPITE MY EFFORTS AND THOSE OF THE FORCE COMMANDER. I REMAIN OF THE OPINION THAT UNEF MUST FUNCTION AS AN "INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT MILITARY UNIT", THAT ITS CONTINGENTS MUST SERVE ON AN EQUAL BASIS UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE FORCE COMMANDER AND THAT NO DIFFERENTIATION CAN BE MADE REGARDING THE UNITED NATIONS STATUS OF VARIOUS CONTINGENTS. I WILL CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE MATTER UNQTE.

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